

(b) *Inquiries by owners.* Information requested will be disclosed to an owner provided that:

(1) Sufficient information is provided to identify the owner; and

(2) Sufficient information is provided to identify the TREASURY DIRECT account.

(c) *Conditions for release.* A request for information will be honored only if, in the sole judgment of the Department or the Federal Reserve Bank to which the inquiry is made, the identity and right of the requester to the information have been established.

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#### § 357.25 Security interests.

(a) *General.* The Department will not recognize any notice or claim of a lien, encumbrance, or security interest of any kind, including a pledge, in a security in TREASURY DIRECT except as provided in § 357.23 and in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Security for the performance of duty or obligation under Federal law.* The Department will accept and hold pursuant to the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 9303, book-entry bonds, notes or bills submitted in lieu of a surety bond as security for the performance of a duty or obligation required by Federal law in accordance with said section.

#### § 357.26 Payments.

(a) *General.* A payment by the Department with respect to a security shall be by direct deposit (electronic funds transfer), except when the Department determines that extraordinary circumstances exist that require payment by check.

(b) *Direct deposit—(1) Information on deposit account at financial institution.*

(i) To establish an account in TREASURY DIRECT, the owner must furnish the name and ABA routing/transit number of the financial institution (*institution*) to which payments with respect to a security are to be made, as well as a depositor name reference, deposit account number, and type or classification of account at the institution to which such payments are to be credited. The information should be furnished on the tender form if the account is being established on original

issue, or in other cases on an appropriate form provided by the Department. To assure the accuracy of the account number and account type, as well as the name and ABA routing/transit number of the institution to which payments are to be made, the owner should consult with the institution in advance of the submission of the tender or transaction form. If the investor finds that the institution to be designated to receive TREASURY DIRECT payments has not agreed to receive direct deposit payments under 31 CFR part 210, but is willing to do so, the investor should ask the institution to contact the Federal Reserve Bank of its district for enrollment advice.

(ii) Where the TREASURY DIRECT securities account is in the name of individual(s) in their own right, and the deposit account at the financial institution is in the name of individual(s) in their own right, the two accounts must contain at least one name that is common to both.

(iii) Where the deposit account to which payments are to be directed is held in the name of the financial institution itself acting as sole trustee, or as co-trustee, or is in the name of a commercially-managed investment fund, particular inquiry should first be made of the financial institution to make certain that the direct deposit payments can be received, and alternate arrangements made if it cannot do so.

(iv) In any case where, after the establishment of the securities account, it is determined that direct deposit payments cannot be accepted by the financial institution designated, under these circumstances, and pending new direct deposit instructions, payments will be made by check drawn in the name of the owner and sent to the correspondence address of record.

(v) All payments relating to a single account master record must be made to the same designated account at a financial institution.

(vi) The deposit account to which payments are directed should preferably be established in a form identical to the registration of the securities account, particularly where the securities are registered jointly or with right of survivorship, to assure that

the rights of ownership and of survivorship can be more easily identified and preserved. Neither the United States nor any Federal Reserve Bank shall be liable for any loss sustained because the interests of the holder(s) of a deposit account to which payments are made are not the same as the interests of the owner(s) of the security.

(2) *Rules.* Direct deposit (electronic funds transfer) payments are governed by the regulations at 31 CFR part 370.

(3) *Prenotification.* A prenotification message must be sent to the financial institution designated to receive ACH payments to confirm the accuracy of the account information furnished by an owner, or other person or entity entitled to make the designation, and to advise the financial institution that such account has been so designated. Prenotification messages may be sent at any time, but not less than 10 calendar days prior to the first ACH payment. A prenotification message may also be sent whenever there is a change in the payment instructions. The prenotification message shall contain the ABA routing/transit number of the financial institution to which payments with respect to a security are to be made, as well as a depositor name reference, deposit account number, and type or classification of account at the institution to which such payments are to be credited. Responses to a prenotification message will be received in accordance with the provisions in 31 CFR 370.5. Where the circumstances indicate that there is insufficient time to effect the change received in response to the prenotification message, payment will be made by check in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Checks.* If a payment is not made by direct deposit, it shall be made by a check, drawn by a Federal Reserve Bank as fiscal agent of the United States, on the Federal Reserve Bank in its banking capacity (*fiscal agency check*), or drawn by the Department on itself (*Treasury check*). A fiscal agency check is governed by the regulations in 31 CFR part 355. A Treasury check is governed by the regulations and statutes applicable to checks drawn on the United States or designated depositories of the United States (*i.e.*, 31 CFR

parts 235, 240, and 245). A check issued with respect to a security shall be made payable in the names of the owner(s) of the TREASURY DIRECT account and will be mailed to the correspondence address shown in the TREASURY DIRECT account.

(d) *Suspension of payments.* Upon receipt of notice that a designated deposit account has been closed, that an individual named on such account is dead or has been declared legally incompetent, or where a corporation is the owner, and it has been dissolved, the Department reserves the right to suspend payments and any transactions with respect to a security pending receipt of satisfactory evidence of entitlement. Payments will also be suspended in any case where the Department receives notice that an individual owner named on a securities account in TREASURY DIRECT is dead or has been declared legally incompetent, or in any case where the Department receives notice of a change in the name or status of an organization or representative named on a securities account in TREASURY DIRECT.

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#### § 357.27 Reinvestment.

(a) *General.* Upon the request of an owner, the redemption proceeds of a security may be reinvested at maturity in a new security in the same form of registration, provided a new security is then being offered by the Department and provision for reinvestment is made in the offering. The new security must be in an authorized denominational amount and will be issued in accordance with the terms of the offering. If the new security is issued at a premium or with accrued interest, an additional payment will be required from the investor. If the new security is issued at a discount, the difference will be remitted to the owner.

(b) *Treasury bills.* A request by an owner for a single or successive reinvestment of a Treasury bill must be made in accordance with the terms prescribed on the tender form submitted